

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2008-125-E - ORDER NO. 2008-267

APRIL 15, 2008

IN RE:	Request of South Carolina Electric Company)	ORDER DECLARING
	for Relocation/Replacement of a Portion of)	LINE TO BE LIKE
	Wateree-Pineline 230kV Transmission Line at)	FACILITY
	Richland County Landfill)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the March 26, 2008 letter from South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G or the Company) requesting a declaration as to the status under the Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act (the Act) of the relocation/replacement of a portion of the Wateree-Pineland 230kV transmission line at the Richland County Landfill. By Commission Order No. 17, 168, dated October 12, 1973, issued in Docket No. 16.826, the Commission granted SCE&G a certificate of environmental compatibility and public convenience and necessity to construct the line in question, with the line stretching 38 miles in total length.

At this time, it is the Company's intention to relocate/replace a portion of the line which currently crosses an area to which Richland County Landfill, Inc. proposes to expand its operations for disposal of municipal waste. The replacement line will extend 0.7 mile in total length and will be located, at its furthest point, approximately 1400 feet from the existing portion of the line. According to the Company, the replacement line

will not result in any significant increase in any environmental impact of the facility or substantially change the location of the facility. SCE&G further states that, similar to the existing portion of the line, the replacement line will cross the Richland County Landfill's property and not affect any other landowner. Richland County Landfill has agreed to provide the right of way for the replacement line at no cost to SCE&G and to reimburse SCE&G for the cost of the facilities and construction of the replacement line. As a consequence of this contribution in aid of construction, there will be no effect on SCE&G's revenue requirements associated with this project.

The Company states that the replacement line is intended to replace an existing portion of the transmission line which would interfere with the Richland County Landfill's waste disposal operations in the extended area if the line was not relocated. The Company states a belief that the replacement line is literally a "like facility" under S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-33-110(1) for a portion of the existing line, and, accordingly, no certification of the relocation/replacement described herein is required under the Act. Consequently, SCE&G requests that this Commission make a determination that the replacement line constitutes "the replacement of an existing facility with a like facility" and therefore, does not constitute "construction of a major facility" for which certification would be required under the Act. The Office of Regulatory Staff has no objection to this declaration/determination.

We have examined this matter, including the diagram furnished by the Company, and we agree that the situation in the case at bar constitutes "the replacement of an existing facility with a like facility," and we so hold. We do not believe that the

replacement line will result in any significant increase in any environmental impact of the facility, nor will it substantially change the location of the facility. Therefore, we also hold that that the relocation/replacement does not constitute “construction of a major utility facility” for which certification would be required under the Act.

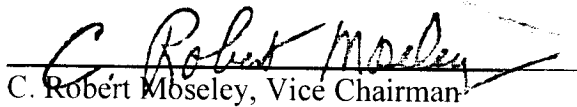
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:


C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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